

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

July 7, 1970

A Special Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held on Tuesday, July 7, 1970, for the purpose of setting the migratory bird season, other than waterfowl, for the 1970-71 season, other than waterfowl, for the 1970-71 season.

The meeting was held in the conference room of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, District VII Office, at 10:00 A.M. on July 7, 1970.

Members present were:

**Jerry G. Jones, Chairman
H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman
John Edwin Kyle
Hobson Morris
James L. Winfree
Clarence A. Gaidry**

ABSENT:

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and requested Mr. Joe L. Herring to explain the Federal Framework to the Commission.

Mr. Herring said the Commission recently received the Federal Framework on the migratory birds, other than waterfowl. As usual, Louisiana has only ten (10) days in which to return the notice to the Federal Government as to our choice of dates of the framework. Mr. Herring then listed each species and the dates of the respective framework. Mourning Doves--between September 1 and January 15, for a period of 70 consecutive half-days or 2 or 3 periods totaling, not more than, seventy (70) days. Woodcocks--between September 1 and February 15, for a period of 65 consecutive days or 2 periods totaling 65 days. Common Snipe (Wilson's)--between September 1 and February 15, for a period of 65 consecutive full days or 2 periods totaling 65 full days. Rails (King, Clapper Sora and Virginia)--between September 1 and January 15, for a period of 70 consecutive full days. Gallinules--between September 1 and January 15, for a period of 70 consecutive full days. Mr. Herring then gave the Biologists' recommendations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the Mourning Dove season for

1970-71 to begin three segments: September 5, 1970 to September 20, 1970 (16 days); October 17, 1970 to November 22, 1970 (37 days); and December 19, 1970 to January 4, 1971 (17 days); making a total of 70 days. The shooting hours shall extend from noon until sunset. The daily bag limit is 18 and the possession limit is 36. All other federal regulations pertaining to said season shall also be enforced.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the Woodcock season for 1970-71 to be divided into two periods totaling 65 days. The first segment to begin November 26, 1970 to November 29, 1970, and the second segment to begin December 9, 1970, continuing to February 7, 1971. Daily shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. The daily bag limit is 5 and the possession limit is 10. All other federal regulations pertaining to said season shall also be enforced.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the Rail (King, Clapper, Sora and Virginia) season to be 70 consecutive full days, beginning

October 31, 1970 to January 8, 1971. The daily bag limit for King and Clapper Rail is 15 in the aggregate and possession limit is 30. The Sora and Virginia rails daily bag limit is 25 in the aggregate and the same for possession, 25. The shooting hours are one-half hour from sunrise to sunset. All other federal regulations pertaining to said season shall also be enforced.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the Gallinules season for 1970-71 to be 70 consecutive full days, beginning September 5, 1970 to November 13, 1970. The daily bag limit is 15 with the possession of 30. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. All other federal regulations pertaining to said season shall also be enforced.

Chairman Jones then explained that it was important to the Commission that we send representatives to attend a meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas dealing with the Mississippi Flyway. Possibly the waterfowl season for Louisiana might be effected by some of the information given at the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby direct that representatives of the Commission be instructed to attend a meeting of the states in the southern end of the Mississippi Flyway, to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 27 and 28, 1970 for the purpose of discussing the waterfowl management needs which will be of mutual interest.

Chairman Jones explained that reports were received of mercury contamination in Calcasieu Lake. Dr. Andre Hedweg, Head of the State Department of Health, was then contacted by telephone by Mr. Hoffpauer. It was decided that it would be recommended to the public that they not take or catch any fish or crabs from Calcasieu Lake, due to the fact that these forms of marine life had been found to contain more than .5 p.p.m. mercury.

There being no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.